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**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

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## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A process for preparing an orthopaedic scaffold, or other solid body, said process comprising forming shaped blocks of a bioactive material comprising silicon, treating one or more selected surfaces of said blocks such that they will adhere to a similarly treated surface of a similar block, and self-assembly of a scaffold comprising two or more of said blocks under conditions in which the treated surfaces will bind together, and thereafter recovering the assembled structure. Products including orthopaedic scaffolds obtained using this process are also provided.